

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 84-81

ORDER RESCINDING CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. 82-14, ISSUED TO  
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS GREYSTONE WINERY, MONT LA SALLE VINEYARDS, ST.  
HELENA, NAPA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San  
Francisco Bay Region, (hereinafter called the Board) finds that:

1. On July 17, 1979, the Board adopted Order No. 79-88, waste discharge requirements for the Christian Brothers Greystone Winery (hereinafter called the Discharger), St. Helena, Napa County. This Order prohibits the bypass or overflow of wastewater to waters of the State, requires the maintenance of minimum freeboard in waste storage ponds, and requires protection for the ponds from erosion and washout from a flood having a predicted frequency of once in 100 years.
2. Numerous violations of Regional Board Order No. 79-88 occurred early in the 1981-82 rainy season. The violations resulted in discharges of waste to waters of the State.
3. Inspections by Board staff and Napa County Health Department conducted during late 1981 and early 1982 indicated that the wastewater facilities at the Greystone Winery were not adequate to meet the waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. 79-88.
4. On December 15, 1981, Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 81-006 was issued to Greystone Winery requiring the submittal of a wastewater facilities plan and a time schedule for the implementation of that plan.
5. On March 17, 1982, the Board adopted Order No. 82-13 revised waste discharge requirements for the Discharger, wherein an annual pond system management report by the Discharger is required to assure that wastewater system improvements will be managed in accord with the design and construction so as to prevent violations of Board requirements. This Order further prohibited the bypass or overflow of wastewater to waters of the State, required the maintenance of two feet of freeboard in waste storage ponds, and required protection from erosion and washout from a flood having a predicted frequency of once in 100 years.

6. On March 17, 1984, the Board adopted Order No. 82-14, a cease and desist order containing a time schedule for the design and construction of wastewater facilities necessary to achieve consistent compliance with the waste discharge requirements. This Order required full compliance with waste discharge requirements by November 1, 1982.
7. Facilities necessary for compliance with waste discharge requirements were constructed by November 1, 1982 in compliance with the time schedule contained in the cease and desist order. No violations occurred during 1982-83 wet weather season. Staff inspections of the facilities during 1983 showed that the new system is adequate and is operational. However, fencing around the facilities necessary to prevent public contact was not installed.
8. Staff inspection on August 1, 1984 showed that the required fencing had been installed. The discharger has fully complied with the requirements of the cease and desist order.
9. This action is to rescind an order to enforce waste discharge requirements previously adopted by the Board. This action is therefore categorically exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15121 of the Resources Agency Guidelines.
10. On November 21, 1984, at a meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the State Office Building, 1111 Jackson Street, Oakland, after due notice to the discharger and other affected persons, the Regional Board conducted a public hearing at which the discharger appeared and evidence was received concerning the discharge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

This Regional Board's Cease and Desist Order No. 82-14 is rescinded.

I, Roger B. James, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on November 21, 1984.

ROGER B. JAMES  
Executive Officer